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SUBJ: IR 6 836 0066 82/UK/AR/FA/SENIOR ROYAL NAVY VIEWS ON CURRENT
 FALKLAND ISLAND ISSUE (U)

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1. (U) CTRY: UNITED KINGDOM (UK), FALKLAND ISLANDS (FA),
 ARGENTINA (AR)

2. (U) IR NO: 6 836 0066 82

3. (U) TITLE: SENIOR ROYAL NAVY VIEWS ON CURRENT FALKLAND ISLAND
 ISSUE

4. (U) DATE OF INFO: 820407

5. (U) ORIG: SEE FM LINE

6. (U) REQ REF: U-UCR-42080/CONTINUES

7. (U) SOURCE: CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

8. (U) SUMMARY: CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF, ROYAL NAVY, AMPLIFIES TO
 DEFENSE ATTACHE THE IMPLICATIONS OF DEFENCE SECRETARY NOTT ANNOUNCE-
 MENT IN PARLIAMENT ON 820407 REGARDING FALKLAND ISLANDS EXCLUSION
 ZONE.

9A. (C/NOFORN) DETAILS:

1. (U) DURING EARLY EVENING 820407 ORIG WAS CALLED AT HOME
 BY THE OFFICE OF CHIEF NAVAL STAFF (CNS) ROYAL NAVY, REQUESTING I
 VISIT TOWN RESIDENCE OF CNS AT 2230 LOCAL 820407 TO DISCUSS AN AN-
 NOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT EVENING. ORIG WENT
 TO THE ADMIRAL'S FLAT AT ADMIRALTY ARCH NEAR TRAFALGAR SQUARE AT
 THE APPOINTED TIME AND WAS ESCORTED INTO THE LIVING ROOM WHERE
 ADMIRAL SIR HENRY LEACH AND ORIG SAT DOWN OVER A SCOTCH AND HAD A
 FRIENDLY CHAT.

2. (C/NOFORN) AFTER A FEW PLEASANTRIES, SIR HENRY WENT DI-
 RECTLY TO THE POINT INDICATING THAT DEFENCE SECRETARY NOTT WOULD BE
 SUMMING UP THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WITHIN A FEW
 MINUTES AND WOULD BE ANNOUNCING THE FALKLANDS EXCLUSION ZONE DECLARA-
 TION. ADMIRAL LEACH THEN WENT ON TO QUOTE DIRECTLY THE WORDS OF THE

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DECLARATION, SUMMARIZED IN IR 6 836 0065 82. SIR HENRY ADDED THAT HE WAS NOT SURE IF NOTT WOULD INDICATE THAT ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN CHARTER WAS CERTAINLY APPLICABLE TO THE DECLARATION; HOWEVER, HE SAID IT WAS AND WOULD MOST CERTAINLY BE EVOKED.

(3) (C/NOFORN) ADMIRAL LEACH IN THIS ONE-ON-ONE DISCUSSION MADE IT CLEAR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS TAKING DELIBERATE AND DIRECT MILITARY MOVES THEY FELT WERE A TOTALLY APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. IN CONTINUING THE DISCUSSION -- BY NOW IN NO WAY A SOCIAL CHAT, LEACH DID HIS PART IN SENDING THE SIGNAL TO THE US THAT THE BRITISH INTEND TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS WERE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE CROWN. SIR HENRY CHOSE HIS WORDS CAREFULLY, SPEAKING AS HE DOES IN DIRECT TERMS, CONVEYING A SERIOUSNESS TO THE SITUATION HE OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO EXPRESS.

(4) (C/NOFORN) ADMIRAL LEACH, RETURNING TO THE EXCLUSION ZONE DECLARATION, SPOKE THE OBVIOUS IN STRESSING THE PROBABILITY OF SINKING ARGENTINE SHIPS WHICH COULD RESULT FROM THE DECLARATION. HE STRESSED THERE WOULD BE NO HESITANCY ON THE BRITISH PART TO ENFORCE THE EXCLUSION ZONE.

(5) (C/NOFORN) THE ADMIRAL SHIFTED TO THE AMERICAN ROLE, ACKNOWLEDGING SECRETARY OF STATE HAIG'S IMPENDING ARRIVAL IN LONDON. CAREFULLY SELECTING HIS WORDS, HE EVOKED THE LONG-TERM TIES BETWEEN THE US/UK, EMPHASIZING WHAT SOME IN THE UK SENSE AS FENCE-STRATTLING BY THE US. (HE DESCRIBED THE SENSE AS HAVING ONE FOOT FIRMLY PLANTED ON ONE SIDE AND ON THE OTHER THE FOOT A LITTLE OFF THE GROUND.) SIR HENRY WAS TOO GRACIOUS TO EVEN SUGGEST HE SHARED THIS OPINION, BUT THE POINT WAS MADE.

98. (C/NOFORN) ORIG COMMENTS: ADMIRAL SIR HENRY LOOKED RESTED -- ALTHOUGH THE HOURS HE HAS BEEN KEEPING HAVE CLEARLY KEPT HIM ON THE RUN. HIS MESSAGE WAS TOTALLY CLEAR BUT ISSUED IN A QUIET, DIRECT TONE. CERTAINLY, THE ASSEMBLED FORCE UNDER FULL COMBAT ORDERS ARE MOUNTED UP, READY TO GO INTO A HOSTILE SITUATION, AND CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS, THIS NOTWITHSTANDING THEY WERE FORCED TO MOVE OUT MORE QUICKLY THAN MIGHT BE DESIRED.

(1) (C/NOFORN) IMPLIED IN SIR HENRY'S MESSAGE AND PICKED UP AGAIN BETWEEN THE LINES IN RECENT DAYS WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE IS A FEELING THAT AMERICA PERHAPS DOES NOT THINK THE BRITISH WILL INITIATE DIRECT MILITARY ACTION. ORIG SUSPECTS LEACH'S POINT IN HAVING THIS ONE-ON-ONE WAS TO RELAY THE SERIOUS INTENTIONS THE UK HAS TO USE FORCE IF DIPLOMACY DOESN'T WORK. THE UK APPEARS WILLING TO ACCEPT LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATED WITH A HOSTILE CONFRONTATION, ESPECZALLY IF IT DRAGS OUT OVER WEEKS.

(2) (C/NOFORN) SIR HENRY LEACH CERTAINLY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT DIPLOMACY WOULD WORK.

10. (U) PROJ NO: NA

11. (U) COLL MGMT CODE: NONE

12. (U) SPEC INST: NOFORN CAVEAT ASSIGNED TO PROTECT COLLECTZON METHODS AND SOURCES, DIRC: NO

13. (U) PREP BY: D. L. HEISINGER, CAPT, USN, DATT

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